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THE FALL OF SAMARIA

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We that sleep often expressed hardness of heart shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. —Proverbs 10:1

HOSHEA, King of Israel, the central personage of this study, is paid the rather doubtful compliment of being less evil in the Lord's sight than some of his predecessors. Gradually the Assyrian kingdom had extended its control to Israel, and Hoshea maintained his throne by paying tribute.

This continued for several years until the King of Israel thought himself sufficiently in league with the Egyptians on the south to refuse further tribute money. In consequence, the Assyrian army advanced and laid siege to the capital city, Samaria. It seems astounding, indeed, to learn that the city withstood the siege for three years. The end came in the ninth year of Hoshea, and signified the end of the ten-tribe kingdom, the people being transported by their captors several hundred miles to another portion of the Assyrian empire.

The overthrow of Israel, recounted in this study, we are directly told, was a judgment from the Lord. "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them out of His sight; there were none left but the tribe of Judah only."

Sin tends to national destruction in a very natural way—by sapping the vitality of the people of the nation. But in Israel's case there was something more than this. God entered into a special Covenant with that nation by which He bound Himself and they bound themselves.

Israel agreed to be God's people, to serve and obey Him faithfully; and God agreed that, if they would do so, He would specially favor them and look out for their interests, their flocks, their herds, their health, their prosperity; all were to be blessed so long as they were loyal and true. On the contrary, God specially pledged Himself that if they as a people proved unfaithful to the Covenant, He would specially chastise them, punish them, deliver them to their enemies, etc. Thus Israel's prosperity or defeat indicated surely the Lord's favor or disfavor, in a manner not applicable to other nations.

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Our text, taken from Proverbs, tells what will be the final outcome of any conflict between God and the sinner. Whoever shall be remanded to the Second Death, there will be no hope for him.

The philosophy of this is plain: Adam's death, which comes to all men as a result of Adam's sin and his condemnation as a sinner, is to be eternally wiped out, and Adam and all of his race are to be fully released from it.

Those of us who, as the Spirit-beotten Church, enjoy this favor in the present time, must not expect any further favor along this line in the future, for Christ died no more; and only one share in His redemptive work is provided for every member of the race.

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ISONVILLE, KY.

Isonville is a village of about 50 inhabitants, situated just below the forks of Newcomb. It has three stores, the postoffice, a blacksmith shop and school and church house. A railroad has been projected through here and our village is nicely located to make a thriving town when it is built. Our soil is good, and our land is also rich in coal and other minerals, and we know of no reason why we should not have a thriving little town.

The Regular Baptists have changed their meeting from the 4th Saturday and Sunday to the 1st Saturday and Sunday in each month at this place.

Sunday school at two p. m. Sundays.

A horse valued at about \$150 was stolen from John F. Mason, on the night of May 29th. The next morning when Mr. Mason went to feed his horse he discovered that the horse was gone; and the hay he had given him on the night before was still in the trough uneaten, indicating that the horse had been taken in the earlier part of the night. After some skimming Mr. Mason found tracks of the horse leading down Newcomb creek. He took up the trail and started in pursuit and in the evening of the second day, found the horse hitched under a rock house, or cliff, in the head of Belistrace, a small stream flows into Dry Fork, between Webbville and Willard. The thief made good his escape, a posse watched the spot where the horse was found hitched and at daybreak next morning discovered a man who, when saluted, ran for life. A deputy sheriff fired several shots after him, but he would not halt and escaped in the brush. This is the first real horse stealing that has occurred in our vicinity for quite a while and the people are greatly stirred up about it.

We have the name of the one who is thought to be the desperado. He had been to Mr. Mason's on the evening before the stealing and wanted to trade for the horse, but was refused. His horse was left a few miles down the creek and died next day, and he was missing from the neighborhood. S.J.P.

BATAVIA, OHIO.

By requests of my many friends in Lawrence county, Ky., to write them I thought I would take the short method and write to the News. We left our old Kentucky home May 25th, and received our household goods here the 26th. I find very clever, friendly people here. There are a great many Kentuckians here and some from W. Va. Good churches and schools. We went to Sunday school and church Sunday. We live on the pike, within 10 minutes walk of the Interurban and Bethel-Traction line. The land is strong limestone. The surface is level, rolling and hilly. All kinds of grain do well here. Alfalfa and blue grass are natural growths here. A great many farms are engaged in the dairy business here. We have market for everything at our door. The grocery wagon comes to our door and takes our butter, eggs and chickens, and the fresh meat wagon comes along and you can get a steak or roast. We are 23 miles east of Cincinnati, on a high plain about eight or nine hundred feet above the sea level. We are 2 1-2 miles from Hamlet, 1-2 mile from Mount Holley, 5 miles from Batavia, the county seat of Clermont county, 5 miles from Bethel and 3 1-2 miles from the high school at Amelia.

We put on our farming harness last week and went to work in earnest to get our corn planted. We planted 15 acres last week and worked our potatoes.

It has been very dry here, but we had a nice rain the 3rd. Elmer went to the city Sunday. There are some familiar names here: John Brown, Wm. Shannon, W. S. Davis, Chapman and Edwards and many others.

T. J. CHAPMAN.

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Life will always be to a large extent what we ourselves make it. Each mind makes its own little world. The cheerful mind makes it pleasant and the discontented mind makes it miserable.

A home where the golden rule is lived is the nearest possible approach to heaven. The day comes all too soon when the household is scattered—the boys and girls, alas! girls no longer—are gone to make homes for themselves, elsewhere; when some perhaps, are laid away from our sight, out of reach of kind words of helpful deeds. Happy are we if no sorrowful thoughts haunt us, of hasty words and unkind deeds, if only pleasant memories remain. We may, if our means allow, make our homes beautiful and attractive, and it is well to do so. But without the true spirit of home, it will be but a cheerless and desolate mockery—while the humblest cottage where love dwells and kindness reigns, may most beautifully exemplify the sweetness and blessedness of home.

The mother who spends most of her time fussing over the wardrobes of her children and herself, starching, ironing and decorating and making them fashionable, will find the lessons she taught cropping in dunder, in vanity that prevents the development of solid character and useful habits.

One may be very happy a while away from home, but he is very glad to return to it. The plainest old familiar dish is better than the daintiest epicurean bill of fare abroad. One's own little room, with its handy, compact belongings, is preferable to all the marble halls, swept through by silken clad dames.

A stranger, entering a household knows whether the key note there is high or low. There are houses, affluent wealth and culture, where the discords are incessant, and the meaning of life no higher than that of brutes. But no symphony can compare with the significance of daily life, in a family of gentle words and noble conduct.

Others may love as fondly, but never again while time is ours, shall any one's love be to us as fond, as tender, as devoted, as was that of our dear old trembling mother. Through helpless infancy her throbbing heart was our safe protection and support, and through the ills and maladies of childhood, her gentle hand ministered and soothed as none other could. We feel animated to struggle more manfully in the great battle of life, when we remember our mother's holy counsel to us in childhood's early dawn and in the slippery paths of youth.

It should be the aim of all to give the girls just as broad a business education as the boys. It makes them capable of taking care of the family, if such responsibilities are placed upon them; it broadens their ideas and makes them nobler and better. Girls as a rule, are fully as clearheaded as boys when young, but if, as is the common practice, the girls are brought up to do nothing, to think but little except of dress and amusements, they fall far behind the young man, at age of twenty, in mental ability.

There is a very real danger that the mother of a large family may never fully come to know her children, and gain that influence over

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them for good individually which is so desirable that every mother should have. We do not hesitate to say that it is absolutely impossible for a woman to become the confident and friends of her children unless she weekly—nay, daily—spend some short time alone with each. Only in this way can each child feel the security of his or her ownership of that precious mother.

Brother, when you come in form work in the evening, we all know you are tired, but put on your best look and assume a happy mood; do not frown if the floor is not swept, nor supper ready. Engage the little folks just a little while and get them to looking forward to your coming with pleasure. It will help to happily home wonderfully.

A child should be made to feel that his home is indeed a home, the happiest place in the world, not merely an outward shelter and a resting place, but a center of enjoyment, sanctified and purified by love, the thought and remembrance of which should be the safeguard of his life as he goes forth and proportion to his character.

While it is comparatively easy to be polite toward strangers, or toward people of distinction, whom we meet in society or on public occasions, still it should be remembered that it is at home, in the family that an everyday politeness is really most prized, coming as it should from the kindly feeling of the heart.

Of all places on earth, home is the most delicate and sensitive. Its chords move with a breath; its fires are kindled with a spark; its flowers are bruised with the least rudeness. Here our hearts wear no covering, no armor. Every arrow strikes them, every old wave blows full upon them. If we would have a true home, we must guard well our thoughts and actions.

The man who never praises his wife deserves to have a poor one. And the man who praises a good wife more than she deserves hasn't been born yet.

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CORN THE LEAST HURT.

In the monthly crop report of M. C. Rankin, Commissioner of Agriculture, for June, it is shown that the drouth and hot weather of May has had a bad effect on crops over the whole State. The oats crop seems to have suffered most. The report says that corn suffered least of all.

GOOD ROADS IN CABELL.

The result of the county bond election, Saturday, over in Cabell county, W. Va., to pass on an issue of \$300,000 in bonds for improving the roads, was a sweeping verdict in favor of good roads and progressiveness.

BIG MOUTH OR SMALL CHICKS.

The News learns from one of its esteemed correspondents that in the Madge neighborhood a fox was killed recently which had five frying chicks in its mouth. The man who killed it deserves the hearty thanks of dealers in "springers."

ETERNAL FITNESS OF THINGS.

In a debate at Bowling Green it was decided that the medical profession has been more beneficial to humanity than the teaching profession has. There were two doctors and two teachers on each side, and the judges were an undertaker, a preacher and a lawyer.



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